



The Klotz Lake Kronicle

News from Klotz Lake Camp, Longlac, Ontario Thirteenth Edition – January, 2012

Welcome, everyone, to 2012. We started off this year with quite a bit of snow. There is roughly three feet of the white stuff in and around the camp. Unfortunately, there's that much on the lake as well, so it's pretty slushy this time of year. It will be better ice fishing towards the end of February, early March.

2011 brought the close of an era. As many of you know, Ann (Ma) Moroz passed away in February – quietly and with her family beside her. She spent over 50 years here at camp and saw so many changes. She said it was scary how things had changed. She watched as electricity came to camp along with running water. Gone are the wringer washers and in with the new "fancy" machines. Cabins have gone from traditional one room set-ups to a fully modern cabin complete with television and microwaves (Ann never liked those machines). Her favourite pass-time was to sit and watch the comings and goings of camp life. Many of you would stop and say hello – while she sat crocheting on the porch or in her spot on the couch. Ann was 91 when she passed away and led one heck of a life up here – one that many women would never dream of. Rest well, Ma – we'll take care of things down here now.



Michael, Ann & Big Mike
1972



Many of our non-resident guests will be receiving (if you haven't already) a notice from the Ministry of Natural Resources that your outdoors card issued in 2009 as expired. You have the option of renewing your card online or over the phone with the MNR directly, or you are welcome to have us renew it for you. All outside issuers of licenses for the MNR



will be implementing a new, computerized licensing system and that includes us. The first group to get their new machines and printers were the full-time year-round issuers. We're grateful for that given the amount of bugs needing worked out. We will be getting our new equipment and training early this year and will hopefully be ready to issue licenses, outdoors cards, etc. on the new computerized system. Non-residents will now be able to purchase 3 year licenses for fishing and/or hunting instead of yearly. You will still be receiving a paper copy of your license, but hopefully in the next few years, the new system will be completely automated and you'll have only a card and possibly "stickers" like Ontario residents have on their cards.

FISHING & HUNTING LICENSES

Non-Resident

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| Sport License, Seasonal | \$78.18 |
| Sport License, 8-Day | \$50.14 |
| Conservation License, Seasonal | \$48.26 |
| Conservation License, 8-Day | \$28.84 |
| Outdoors Card (must have to get License) | \$ 9.68 |
| Small Game | \$112.46 |
| Moose | \$449.58 |
| Black Bear | \$224.66 |

Resident

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| Sport License, (1 yr.) | \$ 27.76 |
| Conservation License (1 yr.) | \$ 15.90 |
| Sport License (3 yr.) | \$ 83.29 |
| Conservation License (3 yr.) | \$ 47.70 |
| Small Game (1 yr. - \$23.46) 3yr. - | \$ 70.38 |
| Deer | \$ 45.04 |
| Moose | \$ 52.31 |
| Black Bear | \$ 45.04 |

We are making progress getting the cedar on the buildings around camp. As you'll see, Rainbow Cabin is done and half of Wolf Cabin (we ran out of cedar). It really makes a big difference in the appearance of the cabins. Many of you noticed our new "theme" of green around camp. Yes, Klotz Lake Camp has gone green. The boats have all been painted, the steps, landings, picnic tables, benches and just about everything else including the trim on the cabins, have all been freshly painted green. We will continue to upgrade each cabin as materials (and funds) become available. Please let us know your thoughts and how we can improve.



...and the Fishing was awesome

We were getting a bit concerned when the ice was still on Klotz Lake in early May. It didn't leave till May 11th, when the opening of walleye season was May 21st. That was cutting it close but it all turned out well. The largest walleye of the year was caught on Flint Lake this year by Chris Martin from southern Ontario. Chris & Bill Martin have been catch & release fishing Flint for many years. The walleye was 30 in. 13 lbs. and was released. Thanks guys!



The largest pike of the year was also caught late in the season – September 9th. Rex Roth from Ohio wrangled this 44 inch, 16.5 lb. beauty from Flint Lake. It was Rex's first visit with us, but he had been to Flint Lake before. Congratulations, Rex.



John Elzer from Traverse City, Michigan brought in the largest Splake from Lukinto Lake opening week and Harvey Miller's Crew from around Ludington, Michigan brought in the nicest catch of speckled/brook trout. There were plenty of honourable mentions too. Check out some of the pictures below for examples of how awesome the fishing is up here.



Congratulations Pat & Jim Neeme, Frank Corvino, on great trout catches too! Of course the pike & walleye kept everyone busy, and so did the perch from Kassagimini and Klotz Lake. Thanks everyone for a great fishing season! Enjoy the pictures!







Please don't forget to load your pictures on our website for everyone to enjoy!

We have officially launched:

WWW.KLOTZLAKECAMP.COM

We hope each and every one of you click on the link above and register at our new website. Of course, you don't have to register to enjoy all the new aspects of the site, but by registering you can add your own video or pictures, stories, etc. under "Guest Comments". We have loaded pictures of all the cabins (inside and out), plus there's new information on how to get here, and a new Nature and Wildlife Photos section which you're sure to enjoy. We have separated our fishing pictures by type of fish and categorized hunting under one "button", and then by species with all the corresponding pictures from over the years. There is a place to read all of the Klotz Lake Kronicles in addition to a tab for helpful links. We hope you will spend time on our site, refer it to your friends and routinely submit pictures and stories. We're not complete without your help. We also launched our Facebook Page – the link for that is below. If you're on Facebook, please check us out and "Like" us. We update both the Facebook Page and the website all from right here, directly and timely. We look forward to getting some feedback from you!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Klotz-Lake-Camp/66253530972>



Even though we had just a few hunters, we did have a great season. Herb Ratz shot a beautiful 600 lb. bear at the age of 83 (his 3rd from Klotz Lake Camp). And not for lack of trying on anyone's part, we did have two hunters that went home without bear this year. There's just not a lot you can do with hurricane-type weather. Congratulations to Brent Martin, Joe Rafferty, Tommy Karlsson (from Sweden) and even Toni shot her first bear this year – it ended up being a beautiful cinnamon (colour phase) bear too. Hope to see you all again in the coming years!



...and the Small Game was plentiful



This is the place to be for ruffed grouse, spruce grouse, sharptails and snow-shoe rabbits!

Did you know? The moose is a powerful swimmer within days of birth.



Klotz Lake Camp had an excellent moose season in 2011. Out of eleven crews, we had 9 moose hanging. That's an awesome success ratio. It's not unbelievable, however, because we are among the highest populated areas for moose in all of Ontario. And the numbers will continue to go up for the next 20 to 30 years. This is now a Woodland Caribou Conservation Area and the forest must be cut to improve habitat for the caribou. What

this means is that the existing cuts will be corrected and new cuts will be larger clear-cut areas with larger old wood stands left standing. This will increase the number moose, and ultimately predators, until it becomes an established area for the caribou. Check out some of these awesome creatures. Congratulations go out to the Kingston Crew for the largest rack – 57.8 inches. Thanks to all our crews – what a great season and an even greater bunch of guys this year. We're looking forward to seeing you next year!



This and That Around Camp... below is a tribute to all the great, fun things that happen around here and to some of the wonderful groups of people we've grown to know and love. Michael got his first raccoon in 2011 and the beautiful sunset was taken at the outpost cabin (recognizable by many). Pink seemed to be the colour of the year! Thanks everyone for another great year. We hope to bring some great new changes to camp in 2012. Please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can improve our camp and facilities to make your trip here more memorable and enjoyable!



And when things are frozen....



This is a picture of Klotz Lake the day it froze over. That was December 3rd, (would've been Ann's 92nd birthday). We've had over 3 feet of snowfall as of January, 2012 but due to compacting from warm temps, we have roughly 2 to 2.5 feet of snow in the yard. The coldest temperature so far was -44 (now that's darn cold) and we've even had a few days of 35 above (F). So it comes and goes, but we now have 7 foot snow banks in the yard. We can't even see the highway or the lake from our house any more.

Toni keeps busy inside and works from the kitchen table in the winter months.

She feeds her birds outside and watches them all day long from the kitchen window. The pine grosbeaks and the evening grosbeaks are plentiful, along with tons of purple finch and lots of varying sparrows. You throw in a few blue jays and snow buntings and she's got quite the menagerie. It makes for a big mess out front with the sunflower seeds, but it's worth it to see these gorgeous birds and getting to watch them all day long is such a treat.



It gets a little lonely up here in the winter months especially since the snowmobile trails haven't been groomed here to camp for 3 years. The OFSC (Ontario Fed. Of Snowmobile Clubs) has closed the trail from Longlac to Hearst, thus cutting us off from the world in the winter. No trail permits are being sold locally and that's where you get the money from OFSC to groom the trails. Our little town has been hard-hit by the forestry industry and there are very few people left that can volunteer to work the trails and the club. Mike Hopkins, Bob Strach and the boys from New York couldn't even make it here in 2011, but they're shooting for 2012 for sure!



John Elzer came up in February and brought his quad with new tracks to try them out in the deeper snow. Well, as you can see from the picture, the quad got a little stuck, but don't believe for one minute that John was the one who got it there - no, that honour belongs to Michael. John was attempting to get it unstuck in this picture. Oh what fun!



Toni will be heading down to Columbus for the Central Ohio Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet being held on March 24th this year. We donate a hunting or fishing trip to this worthwhile organization every year (various chapters) and get to have dinner with 200 to 300 people that like to fish and hunt. We hope if you're in or around Columbus on the 24th, you'll join us. Here's a link to their website – we would love to see you there!

<http://www.rmef.org/State/Ohio/Chapter/Central+Ohio/>



Thank you, everyone, for another great year. We're looking forward to spending time with you again. And remember the old saying - it's better to see our dock than your doc!



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